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1. WHILE POST AGREES SUBJECT IS ONE OF INTEREST, WE HAVE CERTAIN RESERVATIONS ABOUT TIMING OF VISIT. IN OUR VIEW, VISIT BY GAO IN MAY WOULD BE PREMATURE AND COULD QUITE POSSIBLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO GAO'S OBJECTIVES. GOI IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO DEVELOP NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY WHICH WILL ENCOMPASS NEW REALITIES OF COMING DECADE. FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS WAS FORMATION OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POWER RESOURCES CHAIRED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR OIL AND GAS WIJARSO. COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING FOR LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS. HENCE, VARIOUS STRATEGIES AND PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS ARE STILL BEING TESTED AND DEBATED WITHIN INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. QUESTIONS FROM OUTSIDERS WOULD PUT GOI IN AWKWARD POSITION AND WOULD NOT PRODUCE KIND OF ANSWERS GAO LOOKING FOR.

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2. OTHER ASPECT OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT TIMING RELATES TO GAO'S STATED OBJECTIVE OF IDENTIFYING "ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN TO INCREASE EXPLORATION." THIS RELATES DIRECTLY TO CURRENT GOI EFFORT TO REDEFINE PETROLEUM INCENTIVES IN ATTEMPT STIMULATE NEW DRILLING. NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVERAL COMPANIES PRESENTLY UNDERWAY. BECAUSE OF THIS, GAO STUDY COULD BE INTERPRETED AS

DIRECT INTERVENTION BY BOTH GOI AND OIL COMPANIES GIVEN
SENSITIVITY SURROUNDING THIS MATTER.

3. FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE, THEREFORE, EMBASSY
STRONGLY URGES THAT GAO STUDY BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATE
SUMMER OR EARLY FALL WHEN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI LIKELY
TO BE MUCH MORE FRUITFUL. PLEASE ADVISE.

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